"treat 'em rough" crews, will convoy the

Final preparations will begin to-mor-

row for another feature of the loan

drive when a large number of paintings and sculptures dealing with the events

and characters of the great war will be sent to various Fifth avenue stores from Fifty-ninth street to the Victory Arch, at

Twenty-third street, for display in the windows. Many of the pictures to be exhibited were painted at the front.

They will be placed in position over Sunday. Portraits of fifty Generals and

fifty doughboys of the A. E. F., each of whom was decorated for bravery, will

Mrs. Vincent Astor, who served as a canteen worker for the "Y" at Bordeaux

during the war and whose husband Lieut. Vincent Astor, is reported to be

on his way home in command of a cap

tured German submarine, was hostess yesterday to twenty-five women war

workers who will speak for the loan.

Representatives of the Red Cross.

ASSAILED BY SAGE

Senate Finance Chairman

Says Ignorance Prompted

Appropriation Cuts.

Special Despatch to THE SUN

ALBANY, April 16 .- Senator Henry M

Sage, chairman of the Senate Finance

Committee, and Assemblyman H. E.

Machold, chairman of the Assembly

Ways and Means Committee, introduced

to-day the supplemental appropriation

Explaining the bill in the Senate

Senator Sage criticised the vetoes of

appropriations for \$2,185,000 made by

Gov. Smith, and declared that \$527,672

of the items vetoed have been included

in the new supplemental bill "at the

"The Governor cut them out because

he did not know any better," declared

Senator Sage. "Since he made his vetoes he has kept Mr. Machold and my-self busy asking if we objected to put-

The Governor was criticised for cut-ting out the appropriation of \$600,000

for starting work on a State hospital at Creedmore to be run by the Brooklyn State Hospital authorities. In vetoing it

"There is no reason for making the

appropriations until plans and surveys are made and final determinations reached by the Hospital Development

mission Senator Sage explained that the

commission approved the Creedmore project in a report filed with the Legis-lature a year ago last February, and

that since that time plans and surveys

have been made and approved "and we are all ready to start work as soon as an

Senator Sage reminded the Democrats

that work on the hospital would have given jobs to many who now are out of

employment in the big city.

The Finance Committee chairman criticised also the veto of \$200,000 for

grade crossing elimination in New York

ity, declaring the Public Service Com

nission needed this amount to put with ther available funds to start the laud-

SHIENTAG GETS \$7,000 POST.

Named as Chief Counsel for State

ALBANY, April 16 .- Chairman John

Mitchell announced to-day that Bernard L. Shientag has been appointed by the

counsel, at \$7,000 yearly, in succession to Robert W. Bonynge, who resigns to take effect May 1,

Mr. Shientag is well known in New York State because of his work as as-sistant counsel to the New York State

Factory Investigation Commission from

He was graduated in 1994 from the College of the City of New York and in 1908 from Columbia law school and from Columbia school of political science.

In 1998 he was admitted to the bar

He is an examiner in the office of the President of the Board of Aldermen in

TANK FAILS AT PIKE'S PEAK.

Attempt Abandoned After Second

Breakdown.

Colorado Springs, Col. April 16.— The attempt to ascend Pike's Peak in a

battle tank was abandoned to-day.

The tank broke down late yesterday

and for several years was associated with the firm of James. Schell & Elkus.

appropriation is available.

ting various items into this bill."

request of the Governor."

the Governor said:

bill carrying a total of \$1,179,749.

This and Stanchfield Affidavit Assure Sessions Into

Next Week.

Was Intermediary Between Him and Whitman, Says Niagara Senator.

Special Despatch to THE SUN ALBANT, April 16 .- The Senate Jud cary Committee's inquiry into the alleged Fort to bribe Senator George F. Thompson of Niagara to get him to support the Carson-Martin increased trolley fare bill to extend into next week even if the Legislature acjourns.

This was made evident at the end of colorless session of the committee this afternoon during which the examination of Richard H. Burke, who Thompson says is the man who offered him the bribe, was completed by Jer-L. Cheney, Deputy Attorney Gen-

The Judiciary Committee decided in executive session to-night that it will permit Senator Thompson to cross-ex-amine Mr. Burke. The cross-examinaion will take place Friday afternoon. The Senator will not be permitted to sk questions himself, but can ask anything he wants through Deputy Attor-ney-General Chency, the committee counor through his own counsel, wh

Effort to Rush Inquiry.

Every effort is to be made to rush through the inquiry so that it will not drag into next week, but there is no certainty that this can be accomplished. Samuel Beardsley of counsel for the Consolidated Gas Company is to be

itness to-morrow.

A representative of the Attorney-Gen eral's office is to be sent to-morrow to the home of John B. Stanchfield, at Islip, to get what testimony he may want to offer. Mr. Stanchfield will be asked to

fact that the committee must send to New York to get the testimony it wants from John B. Stanchfield, the Shonts atterney, who is recovering from influenza. This probably will take a day or two and prevent completion of the committee's work this week.

Mr. Furke had completed another of

Mr. Lurke had completed another of stump speeches to the Committee for Thompson about the burning of the Shonts letters or memoranda and was turning away when Senator Thompson-asked: "You are not going to let Mr. Burke go ,are you?"

are through with him," said nan Alvah W. Burlingame, Jr., of the Judiciary committee.
"Well, I would like to cross examine Mr. Burke strenuously objected.

Why, you made a charge against m want to ask you all about it," asserted Senator Thompson.

Turning to Chairman Burlingame, enator Thompson said: "I want him put fer subporna so he won't get out of "He is still under subpœna," said Mr.

Burlingame, and then Senator Thompson declared that "you better get his ad-dress so you will be sure to get him when you want him." "He has shown no disposition to get way," commented Senator Ciayton R.

Evaluation of the Senator Clayton R. The Senate passed the Fowler munical section at high companied as usual by the Democrates being found as usual by the Democrates being found as usual by the Democrates being found as usual by the four Republicant insurgents.

The Assembly, complying with the Senator Thompson.

"Do I understand that Senator Thompson, as the complainant, will be allowed to question me," asked Mr. Burke.
"The committee will decide that," Chairman Burlingame asured him.

"Well, I have business out West, but I will wait," said Mr. Burke. "So far as my running out of the State is concerned that is a joke."

The entire hearing this afternoon was confined to the examination of Mr. Burke, who repeatedly told the committee that as he had "been accused of a y" he wanted to make sure he told

Says Glynn Was Intermediary.

There is no doubt now that before the inquiry is ended Senator Thompson him-self will have some more to say. He de-clared to-day that it was George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State imittee, who told him former Gov Whitman wanted to see him. Mr. Whitman testified yesterday that the senator had called him on the telephone, but afterward told the committee Mr. Glynn had sought permission to have some of the Senators, including Senator Thompson, visit him in the St. Regis. Again to-day Mr. Burks furnished the

mittee with some food for laughter. He insisted that he did not work for or get money from the Consolidated Gas Company or the Interborough, but actu-Company or the Interborough, but actu-ally worked for Senator Thompson, al-though he admitted he did not get any money for it.

"Senator Thompson wanted me to impress the gas, light and railway com-panies with his ability to do certain

panies with his ability to do certain things." Burke told the committee.

Mr. Burke rehearsed again the time he took Senator Thompson to see Nicholas F. Brady, and was asked why he told the committee that he didn't say much because he "wanted Mr. Brady to do the talking." He said that he went into the room with this announcement: "Gentlemen, before you have any conversation I room with this announcement: "Gentle-men, before you have any conversation I want it distinctly understood that I am not here to buy or sell anything. What not here to buy or sell anything. What Thompson says or does I am not respon-

Mr. Burke told the committee that
Thompson had a mania for having inwestigating committees appointed with
himself as chairman," and alleged that
at Thompson's request he had Judge
Samuel Beardsley call up Ira Place,
vice-president of the New York Central. samuel Beardsley call up Ira Place, vice-president of the New York Central, about a committee to investigate "Death" or Eleventh avenue in New York. He said Mr. Beardsley told him Mr. Place turned down the project, and he then presented it personally to A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, who took similar action. Mr. Burke also told about taking Senator Thompson to Judge Beardsley and the Thompson to Judge Beardsley and the latter going into Mr. Brady's office with

Gas Company, and its counsel, Henry Hemmens, and brought from them to Senator Thompson typewritten statements wherein they recommended amendments to the Public Service reorganiza-ments to the Public Service reorganiza-tion bill Senator Thompson drafted, Burke alleged that Thompson included which may be considered necessa all of them in the bill except one, and a memorial park passed the Assembly

Thempson thought so much of her sup- LOAN CANVASSERS

The committee had a good laugh when Mr. Burke told of attending a Biltmore session during the Public Service probe, when one of the group was "a little man who had a very intelligent looking bald head." He later said this was J. Frank Smith, an associate counsel of the Public Service probe committee.

Burke told about Justice Robert F Wagner, then a Senator, walking into

a room where he, Senator Thompson, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hemmens were 'He saw who was there, walked out

and shut the door," said Burke.

Mr. Burke testified that he gets 15
per cent. on contracts he sells for the
Federal Signal Company of Albany, of GLYNN MENTIONED ALSO

Federal Signal Company of Albany, of which A. H. Renshaw is president and Don C. Seitz of New York is business manager. He told of contracts for \$325,000 that he has secured, which would net him about \$124,500.

Burke was asked when he left the Aqueduct police force and admitted that charges had been preferred against him by the Board of Water Commissioners and that at the hearing "I threw my shield on the table and they put a one armed man in my place."

armed man in my place."

He said he couldn't take a place on
the New York police force at \$3,500 because he couldn't live on that amount of money.

or money.

He was asked if he ever had anything to do with race tracks and told of setting a net, aided by Capt. Goddard of the Goddard Anti-Policy Society, to catch a Western Union official who was outting wires into poolrooms for racetrack gamblers.

Burke appeared indignant at the end of his examination. He told the com-mittee that after four and a half years of acquaintance with Senator Thomp and all be had done for him what got was a charge that he had offered im a half million dollar bribe fund. "That is so absurd it would insult the ntelligence of a baboon," Burke de-

THOMPSON IS EXONERATED.

Home Church Trustee Says Shortage Charge Is "Rot."

Special Despatch to Tun Sen. MIDDLEPORT, April 16.—That Senator George F. Thompson of this place was never in any way implicated in a short age of church funds and that the story which they charge was developed which they charge was developed through political jealousy five years ago and absolutely disproven at that time was without any foundation, is the bur den of statements issued here to-nigh by Rev. S. J. Clarkson, paster of Middleport Methodist Church, and Burt M Braddock, chairman of the church board

desires to cross-examine Mr. Burke, and it will take him over the week end to go through his files, to prepare his questions and to look over Mr. Burke's enemies of Senate.

Another reason for the service of the church board of trusties. "There is not now nor never was a word of truth in the statement," said Rev. Clarkson. "This is an old, discredited story that Mr. Burke is evidently being coached by the powerful testimony.

Another reason for the church board of trusties. dently being coached by the powerful enemies of Senator Thompson to re-vive at this time." Chairman Braddock of the board of trustees of the same church said the story "is all rot."

TO END SESSION IN **ALBANY SATURDAY**

Lawmakers Likely to Adjourn After Passing State Income Tax Bill.

Special Despatch to THE SEX.

ALBANY, April 16.-After long ses tions of the Senate and Assembly tolight, during which debates were sharp and at times personal, adjournment of the 1919 Legislature next Saturday tative seemed sure. The only question arises over the passage of the State incomtax bill, and the Republican leaders fee certain they can out this measure through. A bill to provide machinery for collecting the tax was introduced

plan of the Republican majority as arranged last night in a caucus, started efforts to get the minimum wage and eight hour bill for women up for passage, and by to-morrow night will have accomplished defeat of the health insurance, bydro-electric and municipal ownership legislation. ownership legislation.

As a result of this action the Republican insurgency in the Senate is cracking, and if the adjournment resolution is not

ment proposal.

During the voting to-day on the mo-tion to postpone consideration of the adjournment resolution, Senator Frederick M. Davenport of Oneida, one of the insurgents, declared he would not vote to set a date for adjournment until after "an amicable conference" and an agreement is reached on the tax programme.

As a result the Republican Senators will confer after to-night's session.

Heated arguments between Senators were the rule during the Senate session. When the municipal ownership bill was being passed Senator George F. Thomp-

the New York subways.
"I am told Judge Ranson, partner of a prominent witness of yesterday before

Special Despatch to THE SUN. ALBANY, April 16 .- Without a word of "Mr. Brady's father was my particular friend." Mr. Burke again told the committee. "He helped me get contracts with the B. R. T."

Burke told the Judiclary Committee that it was at Senator Thompson's request he called frequently on C. G. M. Thomas, treasurer of the Consolidated Gas' Company, and its counsel, Henry Hemmens, and because the senator of the consolidated the senator o

Roosevelt Memorial Bill Passes. ALEANT, April 16.—The Coles bill to empower the Roosevelt Memorial Asso-ciation to condemn lands in Oyster Bay

TO ACCEPT CASH

Will Be Authorized to Accept Full Payments on Victory Notes.

Belgian Veterans Visit Stock Exchange and Then Go to

Brooklyn.

IDENTIFIED BY CARDS

New and picturesque features galore, and a canvassing and speaking pro gramme even more thorough and far reaching than that which made the Fourth Liberty Loan so successful, are planned for New York during the Vic-Service and Canadian Ambulance Corps. tory Loan Campaign. While the actual who served for a year or more over-opening of the Loan drive will not take lined for a series of speeches by women practically complete for a whirlwind troops at the front. of exhortation by agents animate and inanimate which will keep the loan foremost in the mind of every person in the GOVERNOR'S VETOES city until the subscription books are finally closed.

While the general plan for the selling campaign will not differ greatly from that employed with success in previous loans there will be some modifications The most important change will be in authorizing canvassers to accept payments in full for the new issue instead of initial payments only.

Carry Identification Cards.

Each of these canvassers will be instructed to show an official identification card upon request. The identification cards bear the Treasury seal and the name of the Government Loal Organization. Canvassers operating in Manhattan will have cards bearing the signature of A. M. Anderson. Director of the Government Loan Organization, as well as that of J. W. Hornor, chairman of the Metropolitan Canvass Com-mittee in Manhattan.

Canvassers authorized by the Wom-an's Committee to collect cash in Man-hattan, Brooklyn and The Bronx will carry cards signed by Mr. Anderson and by Katherine B. Barnes, metropolitan chairman of the Woman's Committee. The canvassers in Brooklyn will have The canvassers in Brooklyn will have neir cards countersigned by Mr. Ander son and by E. P. Maynard, chairman of the Brooklyn Liberty Loan Committee. Those who represent the committee in The Bronx will have cards bearing Mr. Anderson's name. The signature of the nuthorized canvassers will be on the left hand side of the card. hand side of the card.

The following official statement of the

details of the new plan was given at loan headquarters yesterday:
"Many people do not realize that they
may save considerable time by making
their payments directly to an authorized their payments directly to an authorized canvasser. This organization will put into operation at the opening of this campaign a plan by which subscribers to Victory notes may make their payments directly to authorized canvassers at the time of signing subscription cards. Identification cards carried by these canvassers authorize them to receive money on althoughters.

ceive money on subscriptions and to de-liver official receipts therefor. "Every person making a payment to a canvasser should insist upon seeing his or her identification card in orde to establish the right of such represen-tative to collect the money. The sub-scriber should take care to obtain the official receipt."

Brokers Cheer Belgians.

More than fifty motor cars equipped as complete travelling banks will be other avaiused for the sale and delivery on the able work. spot of bonds of small denominations They will be stationed in the business districts during the day and in the the-

One hundred and fifty veterans of victory means and what it costs, who are to take part in the loan campaign passed yesterday sightseeing and being entertained. The rain interfered somewhat with the plans for their reception, and a review which was scheduled to take place at Borough Hall in Brooklyn was called off.

The Stock Exchange paid King Albert's men the compilment of suspend-ing business for five minutes when the passed in the upper house to-morrow it probably will be passed Friday.

Again to-day the Democrats and Republican insurgents, with 25 votes against 25, controlled by J. Henry Walters. Republican leader, were able to postpone consideration of the adjournment proposal.

Along the streets through which the visitors passed in buses to and from the War Camp Community Hotel, 35 West Twenty-fifth street, people everywhere cheered and waved greetings, and Brooklyn crowds were equally claniorous in their reception. Instead of the out-door reception planned at Borough Hall the Belgians were taken to luncheon in the Imperial Hotel, where Edwin P. Maynard, chairman of the Brookiyn

Victory Loan Committee, formally wel-comed them.

In the evening they attended a per-formance in the Metropolitan Opera

House.

To-morrow will see the first of the features scheduled to add interest to point the attempt to reach the top was the campaign when a number of caps given up.

tured German gune which recently arrived in this country will be unloaded at Pier 45. North River, and taken by way of Tenth street, Fifth avenue and Forty-fifth street to Victory Way in the Park avenue plaza. Several American tanks, camouflaged and manned by real "threat em rough" crews will convoy the DEDICATED IN RAIN

Viaduct Over Forty-second St. at Pershing Square Also Formally Opened.

GREAT TRAFFIC RELIEF

Use of Depew Place and Removal of "L" Spur to Grand Central Sought.

Dowling, Borough President of Manhattan, of the new ramp at Thirty-third street and the great steel viaduct at Pershing square which has turned Park and Fourth avenues into an uninterruption of the clevated etructure from Forty-second street. I have gone to Albany for relief, which I hope to get by the end of the session. Either by the end of the session. ariem River. The procession signalized double triumph over the weather and e difficulties which for so many years this project for lessening the city's affic congestion.

Shortly after noon the parade started Park avenue from the inclined road.

Park avenue from the inclined road. Hariem River. The procession signalized double triumph over the weather and raffic congestion.

at Park avenue from the inclined road-at Park avenue from the inclined road-way at Thirty-third street which has done away with the old arrangement of steps and was considered an essential Gould family, to be considered." part of the new system for unraveiling the traffic tangles that unavoidably scose from the location of the street railarose from the location of the street rail road terminus at the junction of Fourth and Park avenues. Mayor Hylan had been invited to lead the marchers, but been invited to lead the marchers, but the should be a stimulus to citizens in beautifying their city with structure.

Parade Moves in Downpour.

Besides Borough President Dowling who struggled bravely against wind and rain in the vanguard were George McAneny, formerly President of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; Richard E. Enright, Police Commissioner, and members of this and former city administrations. Following them came the Police Band, valiantly making them-

trailed representatives of the Broadway tion of the modern stage as one of the Association, the Forty-second street comnittee, the Fifth Avenue Association, the Murray Hill Association, the Thirty-fourth Street Board of Trade and the horses of a mounted police escort slith-ered along with them and automobiles practical it might well take the form o-containing the wives of city officials a municipal theatre—not a municipal

skidded in the rear. The 200 and more in the procession wended their way through the watery atmosphere of Park avenue and at Fortieth street mounted the viaduct, which has cost the city \$1,222,000, the New York Central Railroad Company \$1,131,-150 and the New York Railways Com-pany \$150,000. They followed the course of the structure, which rises and skirts the Grand Central Terminal above the street level, being in reality above the street level, being in reality on the west side an upper story of Van

Luncheon at the Commodore. That parade meant to the officials in the liberation of the north and south raffic in a definite and practical way after fifty years of sporadic improve-ments, which included the opening, closing and relocation of various streets.

And to round out the celebration fittingly the paraders, after circling the Grand Central station, went to the Hotel Cam-modore for a luncheon. This was made possible through the ourtesy of John McE. Bowman, head f the hotel, who has been greatly interested in the project. He was unable to be present, being kept away by a cold, but he was represented by George

The toastmaster was Mr. McAneny With his opening address the compliments began to fly thick and fast He paid a tribute to Borough President Dowling, who carried the scheme to completion, and to Warren & Wetmore, State Industrial Commission as its chief the architects who were responsible for st of the important features of the

A Link With the Future.

This improvement, Mr. McAneny said, means more to the city than appears on the surface, for it is a big link in the city plan of the future. He criticised the old city arrangements, which brought about tremendous pressure on good was piloting, testified that the significant manner of the city arrangements and the control of the control of the city arrangements. brought about tremendous pressure on the plans for cutting new avenues between the existing north and south arteries, favoring instead a better use of the latter thoroughfares.

"I wish," he said, "that more sections of the city could fall into the hands of single groups of men with unified ideals so that they would "hang together architecturally. We have lacked uniformity of architecture too much."

By a was piloling, testined that he sisted were faulty. Sargent himself admitted on the stand that he had dozed in the cab, but pleaded that he had been on attituous duty for twenty-three hours, The prosecuting authorities have announced that a new trial will be started.

Moonshiners Shoot Officers.

Pikevitte, Ky, April 16.—Persons be-

formity of architecture too much." Pikeville Ky. April 16.—Persons be Mr. Dowling told of the difficulties lieved to be moonshiners ambushed a encountered in putting the improvement party of four internal revenue officers.

and the viaduct, and there had been a debate for fifteen years about a general reconstruction between Thirty-second and Forty-fifth streets. In fifteen months, however, I have been able to turn over to you the two much needed improvements.

Depew Place Is Needed.

He asserted that they would not be complete until the city had obtained Depew place, now owned by the New York Central, which rune along the easterly side of the terminal and which the railroad officials maintain is necessary for the exclusive use of their express trucks in handling baggage and should not be open to the ordinary

Concerning the railroad's plan for emedying this, Mr. Dowling professed o find objections in the New York Cen-Smith Commission Hear tral's offer to turn over Depew place it consideration for the city's handing over to the ralirond the city block at Forty fifth street and Park avenue. The prop osition, he stated, called for the build ing of a ramp from Forty-third stree New York had another Victory parade and Depew place, running north and yesterday. It was part of the celebration turning into Forty-fifth street, which would lead to an arcade through the station similar to that in the Municipal runs cold and the plaster scales off Building at Chambers street. pelled to "get out" if they object to he-

Memorial Theatre Suggested.

artistic. Such an inspiration had pre-sented itself to the men under him in the Twenty-seventh Division in the Victory Arch, though he said it was the con-sensus of opinion among them that it would not be appropriate as a perma-nent memorial to their fallen comrades, since it was in the midst of business surroundings with which it was not in keep

Ing.
Then Gen. O'Ryan made his hearers selves heard, although the rain was sit up with a novel suggestion that the drowning 150 instruments.

After them, wet but determined, same time uttering a strong candemus "Sentiment is increasing among th soldiers," he said, "that the memoria should be practical, or if it is to be Murray Hill Taxpayers Association. The wholly artistic it should be in keeping theatre in the sense that the art exhibited there is to be under municipal direction watery But the city might dedicate the land and at For-public spirited citizens might raise the funds for the edifice.

Shocked by Broadway Shows.

"The other night I went with my fam y to one of the late shows. I was scandalized-and I'm not easily scandal ized, as a soldier. Many of the people there left before the affair was over Much of what was shown was lewd and diagusting. Much of what is shown of the stage to-day is merely for entertain ment. It delivers no message, develope

"I mention this because many of our soldiers were surprised by the number of municipal theatres in France. While hey were not operating to advantage during the war, still we learned that in peace they played a great part in the life of the country." Other speakers were Ira A. Place, vice-president of the New York Central Rail-

road, who said the project had beer operation and accord shown by the city to be present, being kept away by a and a private corporation in working to-cold, but he was represented by George gether, and Mr. Tierney. Among the W. Sweeney, vice-president of the Comnedore organization, and by Edward M. Deputy Police Commissioner; Col. J. Hol-lerney, managing director of the Hotel lis Wells, Alfred E. Marling, William erney, managing director of the Hotel lis Wells, Alfred E. Marling, William sonia, and a member of the Bowman Fellowes Morgan, Robert Grier Cooke. Adolph S. Ochs and Irving T. Bush.

JURY DISAGREES ON WRECK. Engineer Who Ran Train Will Be Tried Again.

GARY, Ind., April 16 - Disagreement of the jury resulted from the trial of Alonzo Sargent, engineer of the Michigan Central Railroad train which on June 21 218, crashed into a circus train

through and related his negotiations near the Virginia State line yesterday, with the New York Railways Company shot and probably fatally wounded in endeavoring to have the traction beputy C. C. Smith of Louisville and company change its switch and grade slightly wounded Deputy A. J. Potter of for the new switch.

panacea on tap that is going to make tenants happy and landlords contented. The members admit this, but they do say housing committee in its survey of twenty-five widely separated blocks in bler, comptroller of the Metropolitan Insurance Company; John J Murphy, secretary of the tenement house committee to learn from tenants and hears what the landlords and the lessees have to say in their own defence it will be in a position to get down to brass tacks in recommending measures which, in its judgment, may give relief to the housing situation.

The commendation of the Charities Organization; Prank Williams of the City Club, who has had much to do with housing legislation; Dr. E. P. Roberts of the Urban League's lousing plans for colored people; Frank Judgment, may give relief to the housing legislation; Dr. House, Queensboro Corporation, and Alfred Mariing, president of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

Widows With Children and

Soldiers Among Victims

of "Gougers."

FLATS IN BAD CONDITION

Landlords' Avarice and

Tenants' Suffering.

Tales of increased rents for apart

ments where water usually or always

cellings and where kickers are com-

ing gouged by avaricious landlords or

the more daring rent boosting lessees

of building are coming daily by mail

of big families and others seeking im-

nediate relief for what they describe

as "intolerable conditions" are sending

in their complaints, hoping the com-

mission will be able to do something

Of course the commission hasn't any

abcut it.

Tenants Fear Landlords.

Many tenants do not sign their names to complaints. They frankly declare signatures would be dangerous. They may if they made known their names, "greedy landlords" would evict them. Eviction to many is more dreadful than boosted rents because that means a hunt for an apartment which never may be found. However, the majority affixed signatures as evidence of good

let up. A more unsanitary house you would hardly find, leaking gas and plumbing, no house cleaning having been done in four years, but the new owner demanded \$9 increase to-day. In all the county there don't seem to be a place for me. I'd gladly pay \$30 he demands if there were hot water, but we have only the roof over our heads. Isn't there hope or justice for me? I happen to have three fine little boys and can keep and feed them, but the street is the only place unless you can send help soon to advise an American born

girl. A woman, the head of one of twenty families in a Bronx apartment whose rents were raised \$2 two months ago and who were notified yesterday of another raise of \$3 on May 1, wrote:
"I will not be able to do it, so I wish I could get some help from you, as I have two small children, and I would like to feed them the right way, but I cannot do it if I have to give it to them

Soldier Sends Complaint,

who has just been discharged from the army after sixteen months service in France, wrote: "My landlord raised my rent to \$19, a

tump of \$2.50, the day I was discharged and says I must pay \$20 next month for five rooms, one too dark to use. The

landlord changes janitors every two months and we are without hot water a week at a time. No steam heat. He HUNDREDS MUST PAY MORE RENT OR MOVE

week at a time. No steam heat. He asked me to give up my rooms, as he wants to get more rent. My firm will not put me back until I show my discharge papers."

"I paid \$24 for my apartment in the last year and have been raised \$12 in the last few months." writes another Bronx tenant. I now pay \$26 for these rooms. The owners refuse to do anything for us in regard to repairs, telling thing for us in regard to repairs, telling us if we don't like same to get out. My family and myself have always been staunch Democrats, but I am sorry to say that if we get no relief we will have to look to the Socialist party, even though we despise their doctrines. They

must give us a chance to live."

Another Bronx tenant, writing on behalf of all the families in a house where rents were jumped by degrees from \$29 to \$37 by a new landlord, mays the for-mer landlord told him "there is no rea-son for raising rents only to gouge the tenants because they are helpless, as

apartments are scarce.

A tenant in the West 180s said the rents of himself and fellow tenants, already boosted from \$31 to \$33, are to be jumped to \$45 when present leases expire. "And the plaster in the bedroom is broken away 3½ feet by 3 inches," he wrote, "and the kitchen ceiling is in bad condition."

Sub-Lessees Cause Increase.

to the housing committee of Gov. Smith's Reconstruction Commission. Mothers of fatherless children, discharged soldiers of hig families and other families and other families. The increased prices for flats here is due to the large rents sub-lessees of hig families. are willing to pay for the whole build-ing, they turning the tenements into a ledging house for transient accommoda-tions. The result is the families occupying the tenements are compelled

The advisory council of the housing committee will meet this afternoon in Room 302, Hall of Records. The council consists of Robert D. Kohn, head of the housing bureau of the United States The members admit this, but they do say the evidence of distress on the part of individual families will be a valuable addition to the facts concerning housing conditions now being gathered by the York Chamber of Commerce

The Washington Heights Civic Federation, through its board of governors, has decided to hold hearings in various parts of the district on the rent question Cenants and landlords will be given an equal show at the hearings.

BILL HITS RENT PROFITEERS. conte Passes First of Measure

Atmed to Curb Evil. woman in the Bronx. "I have been to oking for rooms or houses to let six weeks and am as bad to-day as when I started, having three little boys who will not be admitted any where I went. Real estate people give me no hope and no 'to let' signs are being put out. In fact, I have lost my health in these rooms and my doctor ordered me to let up. A more unsanitary house you would hardly find, leaking plumbing.

city.

The rent profiteering committee is to be composed of two representatives of labor, two of real estate interests and a fifth neutral.

GRIP MAKES SLIGHT GAIN.

Deaths From Pacumonia, However,

Show Decrease in 24 Hours. Although eleven more cases of influenza and seventeen of pneumonia were reported yesterday to the Health De-partment in excess of Tuesday's reports, the total number of cases continues low. There were twenty-seven new cases of influenza and twenty-six cases of pneu-

Deaths from pneumonia yesterday were thirty-eight, twenty less than on Tuesday, and deaths from influenza nu previous day's total Following are the figures on influenza





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